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Subject: Indiana's Historic Bridge Inventory,
Advance notice: 30-day public review of methodology to identify select and non-select bridges

This serves as advance notice that the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) plans to post the methodology to identify select and non-select bridges as part of the state's historic bridge preservation program. A copy of the report will be available for a 30-day public review at the project website (<http://www.in.gov/indot/6959.htm>) beginning on February 18, 2008.

Historic bridges are an important part of the heritage and transportation system of Indiana. Recognizing the value of Indiana's historic bridges, INDOT has commissioned a project to study historic bridges and develop a process to manage and preserve this valued resource. INDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office, has initiated a historic bridge preservation program (the Programmatic Agreement outlining this program can be found at the project website). This program will provide incentives for bridge owners to help prevent the loss of these important historic resources and a process to manage historic bridges in Indiana. INDOT, assisted by historical and engineering consultants from Mead & Hunt, is in the process of completing the project.

INDOT invites individuals and groups with an interest in historic bridges to complete a review and provide comment on the methodology by March 18, 2008. Comments can be submitted via the *Public Comment Form* available at the project website, or by mail, email or fax to the contact listed below:

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We value your input and look forward to your participation in this process.